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HOUSE APPROVES UNANIMOUSLY FOOT-MOUTH ITEM

LOSSES INCURRED CONSIDERED WELL SPENT BY NATION

Seventy Per Cent of Historic
Item Is for Britain-
Canada - U.S. Deal

TOTAL \$32,346,000

Year's Support Board Cattle
Purchases 159,533 Head—
Pork Canning Results

By M. McDUGALL, Press Gallery
Leader Correspondent

OTTAWA, April 1st — An amount of \$32,346,000 appearing in the supplementary estimates for the department of agriculture is an historic item, historic in the sense of its importance and also in the hope that, to the extent that it covers losses through the foot-and-mouth disease, it will not be repeated. About 70 per cent of the amount or a little over refers to the transaction by which Canadian beef was shipped to Britain and New Zealand beef destined under the terms of a contract for Great Britain was transferred to U.S. markets.

Most Fortunate Arrangement

The item passed the house without the slightest objection, because of course it was realized that, costly as it was, it was from every angle and viewpoint a very fortunate arrangement. Without some such idea, there would have been a dislocation of the industry that would have netted a much more serious loss.

The board exported 70,210,913 pounds of carcass beef to Britain, the cost of the total shipment being \$31,384,000. The amount that can be placed as a partial offset to this cost is \$8,377,595 secured from the sale of New Zealand beef in the United States. The loss charged to beef account is therefore \$23,006,405. There will be some minor changes when intergovernmental arrangements to be worked out are completed, but they will not change the result to any serious extent. They will be shown in figures for the 1953-54 fiscal year.

Canned 92,768,454 Lbs. Pork

As to the results of the canning of pork, of which 92,768,454 pounds were produced up to March 31st, 1953 there was an additional 5,492,520 on hand on April 1st, 1952, and of this general total the board has sold 25 million pounds. There has been a loss from this sale to the board of \$6,075,000. While the sale of 25 million pounds leaves a considerable quantity on hand, sales are spreading. Most of the distribution hither-

Beloved Queen Laid to Rest at Windsor



Above is a recent portrait of Queen Mary, whose death is mourned by countless thousands throughout the British Commonwealth of Nations. After an illness of more than a month, the aged Queen died in her sleep on the night of March 24th. Her body was removed to Westminster Hall on Sunday. The four royal Dukes — Queen Mary's two surviving sons, the Dukes of Windsor and of Gloucester, the Duke of Edinburgh and the young Duke of Kent — led the procession which followed the coffin through silent crowds of Londoners. After a church service, Prime Minister Churchill and Opposition Leader Clement Attlee led mourners past the catafalque on which lay the coffin, wrapped in Queen Mary's own standard, and bearing one wreath of spring flowers, from Queen Elizabeth and the Duke of Edinburgh. After lying in state for two days, the Queen was buried on Tuesday, in St. George's Chapel, Windsor, beside her husband, George V.

to has been in the domestic market and still will be, but an increasing quantity is being sold in the United States, as far away as California, Oklahoma and Louisiana. There have been various pork cut programs involving over 100 million pounds, but of these only about 10 million are on hand March 31st. The loss on the sale of these products was about \$2,738,000.

Support Board Purchases

The purchases of cattle by the Agricultural Prices Support Board during the fiscal year ending March 31st, 1953, amounted to 159,533 head, in the form of carcasses, boneless beef and some live cattle.

Ontario Co-ops' Year's Results

TORONTO, Ont., — United Co-operatives of Ontario in 1952 had a total volume of business of \$57,364,870, stated General Manager Hugh Bailey, in his report to the annual meeting held here recently. There was a drop in livestock volume from 1951, but the distribution division had an increase of 17 per cent and dairy and poultry marketings were up by over 11 per cent. Of net earnings of \$393,336, it was decided to allot \$244,000 in patronage dividends to the 156 member locals. One quarter will be in cash, and three-quarters in common shares.

DEATH OF ALBERTA POOL MANAGER IS DEEPLY REGRETTED

High Tributes Are Paid to
Services of R. D. Purdy,
Who Died Sunday

"VERY SERIOUS LOSS"

"Great Business Ability—Deep
Sense of Responsibility,"
Says Ben Plumer

We deeply regret to record the death, on Sunday, March 29th, of Rush Diamond Purdy, general manager of the Alberta Wheat Pool and Alberta Pool Elevators. Mr. Purdy had just returned from a holiday in Hawaii.

Chairman's Tribute

High tribute to the man who has been administrative head of the Pool since 1925 was paid on Monday by Ben S. Plumer, Chairman of the Pool Board.

"His death," said Mr. Plumer, "is a serious loss to the farmer-co-operative movement in Alberta. In the 28 years he has been manager of the Alberta Wheat Pool, he rendered exceptional service to the organization and to the farm people of this Province."

"The late Mr. Purdy was a man of great business ability, and with a deep sense of public responsibility."

"Over the years, the Alberta Wheat Pool encountered adverse periods as well as times of substantial progress. Under the management of Mr. Purdy, Alberta farmers built a strong and virile co-operative grain handling organization which has been a source of very definite satisfaction to the thousands of farmers throughout the Province. He was a man of high ideals and held the respect and support of the farmers and of all who knew him."

Farm People Lose "Good Friend"

A. T. Baker, Vice-chairman of the Board, said, "the farm people of Alberta have lost a good friend and a faithful, hard-working servant. He had the interests of rural people in his mind at all times, and never spared himself in trying to better their lot. Alberta has lost one of its foremost citizens."

Born 64 years ago at Brighton, Ont., the son of a United Empire Loyalist family, Mr. Purdy came west with his parents in 1906, his father, Henry Purdy, taking up land at Millet. Becoming a member of the staff of the Wetaskiwin branch of the Merchants Bank after taking a business course, the son served in succession at the Castor and Edmonton branches, and when the Bank of Montreal took over the Merchants, he remained in his

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among Indians dropped from 700 per
100,000 in 1940 to 298 in 1950.

Co-op Wholesale's Position Greatly Improved

Surplus Earnings \$92,574
By NORMAN F. PRIESTLEY
Secretary A.C.U.

OPTIMISM as to the future and satisfaction with the achievements of the past year were the prevailing tones of the Annual Meeting of Alberta Co-operative Wholesale, held in Edmonton on March 18th and 19th.

Under the chairmanship of J. R. Love, president, and Geo. E. Church, vice-president, 72 delegates and 40 registered visitors went thoroughly into the reports of the board of directors and the auditor, presented by General Manager E. T. Mowbrey and Comptroller R. N. Gibb, assisted by Eric Hopkins, merchandise manager, and the manager of the stores division, W. G. Derkaz.

Long Term Financing Plan

These showed that sales for the year ending January 31st, 1953, were \$2,557,421, with surplus earnings of \$92,574; and that the position of the Wholesale had been greatly improved during the year by a long term financing arrangement with other co-operatives covering current liabilities of a year ago of \$1,444,371 to periods up to fifteen years.

The Retail Stores Division had experienced a better year, the twenty stores having had an aggregate operating loss of only \$17,247 on sales of \$2,879,596; and two of the stores had been closed during the year.

A buffet supper was held in the offices on the first evening, followed by a social program including moving pictures and an address by E. F. Scharf, editor of the Saskatchewan

Co-operative Consumer. The supper was served by the ladies of the staff and the social program was carried through by the men of the staff.

Two New Directors

Two new members came on the board in the election of directors for a three-year term. These were W. G. McAndrews of Eckville and Mike Novakowski of Mundare. Uri Powell of Sexsmith was re-elected for three years, representing the Peace River district. These, with the following continuing directors, constitute the Board for the coming year: Nic Christ, Picture Butte; George E. Church, Balzac; Edward Peterson, Wetaskiwin; J. Russell Love, Edmonton; H. Goettel, Waskatenau; William Munro, Busby.

Report on Divisions

The board of directors dealt with the operation of the Wholesale under the three divisions set up by Mr. Mowbrey, the general manager: Finance and Control, Merchandise, and Management Service. The Management Service Division now includes 41 autonomous units, and together with the 18 stores of the Retail Division, makes a total of 59 stores out of 140 in the province under direct control of the Wholesale.

Panel Discussions Important Features of Recent Congress

By NORMAN F. PRIESTLEY
Secretary, Alberta Co-operative Union

Two important features of the Annual Congress of the Co-operative Union of Canada with which, owing to space limitations, it was not possible to deal in the last issue of *The Western Farm Leader*, were the panel discussions. These proved of great interest and value.

East and West Represented

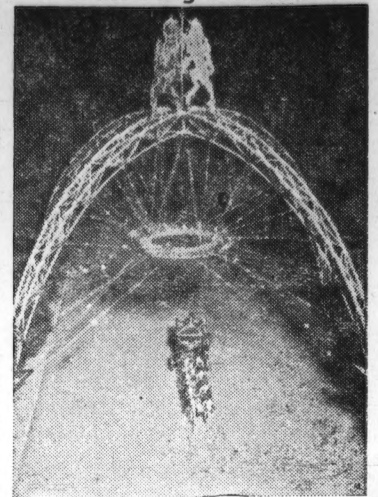
The theme of one was "Educating Young Co-operators" or as a member suggested, "Educating Youth to be Co-operators." This panel consisted of A. H. K. Musgrave of Ontario, chairman; Leo Berube of Quebec; Alec MacIsaac of Nova Scotia and Gordon Leckie of Manitoba.

The fact was brought out that not sufficient recognition is given in our school system to the important part that the co-operative movement is playing in our modern life. The other panel under the chairmanship of R. L. Stutt of Regina was on the question "What is the responsibility of Government Towards Co-operatives?" This was said to be one of the highlights of Congress. It had been arranged to follow the address given by Mr. Hedges on that question as it arises in the United States. Unfortunately this writer had to be absent during that period.

One of the most difficult problems of educational departments of co-operatives is that of financing the production of suitable films. Much has been done of great value in recent years.

On the first evening of Congress D. C. Thornton of the United Farmers' Co-operative, Calgary, showed the film he produced last year on behalf of the Alberta Co-operative Union entitled "Without Fireworks", which in-

Glowing Arches



Illuminated by night, four arches under which Queen Elizabeth II will drive on her Coronation Day, will be linked with Buckingham Palace and the Admiralty Arch by crowned Standards, banneted, and carrying the royal monogram. A model of one of the arches is shown above. In accordance with the wish expressed by Queen Mary during her last illness, the date of the coronation will not be postponed.

corporate in scenes of a journey across the Province from south to north, some facts and comments about eleven of Alberta's principal co-operatives. Mr. Thornton also showed a film brought by the Saskatchewan delegates entitled "These Things We Own", a very fine description of the opening last year of the new catalytic cracking unit of the world's first co-operative refinery at Regina.

U.S. Measures Against Discrimination

A very informative address was given by Harold Hedges, Chief of the Co-operative Research and Service Division of the Farm Credit Administration of the U.S.A. Department of Agriculture, following the reports of the Board of Directors and the acting National Secretary on Tuesday afternoon. Mr. Hedges outlined the steps by which the present statutory rights of co-operatives in the U.S.A. have been achieved, and pointed out that there is now a large body of State and Federal legislation other than that giving legal sanction, which recognizes the distinctive characteristics of co-operative associations and prevents discrimination against them because of their methods of organization and operation. He dealt in some detail with the provisions made by the Congress of the United States through their regional banks, for the credit needs of farm co-operatives.

He quoted from the Agricultural Marketing Act of 1929, which definitely sets forth that "the encouragement of co-operative organization among farmers is the declared policy of Congress and therefore of the Federal Government."

Allocated Proceeds Not Taxable

Briefly dealing with the problem of income taxation of co-operatives, Mr. Hedges stated that at no time has the Federal Government of the U.S.A. attempted to tax as income to a co-operative any amounts of operating proceeds which a co-operative "was under a definite contractual obligation to allocate or return to its member patrons." He outlined the very valuable work done on behalf of agriculture and co-operatives by way of research. His division employs a staff of about thirty professional workers for that purpose. He said that the preservation of the family-sized farm, as a contributor to national welfare, was the central idea in the policy of the Government towards agriculture and co-operatives.

WHEAT POOL OWNERSHIP

One of the most satisfying accomplishments of the Alberta Wheat Pool is the paying off at one hundred cents on the dollar of the original contract signers, 1923-28. Those men contributed \$8.4 millions to start the Wheat Pool and build Pool elevators.

The final reserve payment will be completed this year and the Wheat Pool, with all its assets, will be owned by a new generation of farmers.

The reserves purchased from the original members are redistributed in the form of patronage dividends to operating farmer members who deliver their wheat to Pool Elevators.

The whole Pool plan envisages the keeping of the ownership of the organization in the hands of operating farmers. This can be done through revolving reserves from one generation to another. Sufficient earnings for that purpose can be obtained provided Pool Elevators are given a most extensive patronage.

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HANNAM STRESSES HAPPY RELATIONS WITH CO-OP UNION

**Says Without Co-ops in
Federation, Farmers' Ranks
"Split" and "Ineffective"**

EDMONTON, Alta.—"I appreciate your invitation because it implies a relationship of understanding and friendliness between the Canadian Federation of Agriculture and your Canadian Federation of Co-operatives," declared Dr. H. H. Hannam, President of the C.F.A., when, as guest speaker, he addressed the Annual Banquet of the Canadian Co-operative Union on March 11th.

There were those, he said, who felt that because of a considerable duplication of membership of "good paying members between your Co-operative Union and our Federation, that instead of there being two federations we should all be one." But there was also an opinion, "far removed from that, which claims that co-operatives have no business being a part of the farmers' national organization and that officers of co-operatives cannot properly represent their farmer members on matters of agricultural policy.

Co-operative Officers Well Qualified
"If co-operative officers can give time to organization work on policy matters, I cannot see why, after a lifetime of service to their own farm people, they are not well qualified to be spokesmen for their members. There can, of course, be the odd occasion when the particular policy likely to be most remunerative to their co-operative will conflict with the general policy for all farmers. Such occasions, I think, will be rare.

"Even if the issue is clearly drawn, I have known co-operative officials who have been, and I know present ones who are capable of taking the broader view, and of throwing their support behind the general policy. And it is possible for co-operative officials, because of their long years of experience in public service to their members, to be more faithful representatives of their members in farm organization work than others who have no experience as co-operative officers.

"Face Fact Frankly"

"In Canada at the present time, the issue of whether or not it is ideal to have co-operatives affiliated with the national farm organization is largely a hypothetical question. Let us face the fact frankly that without the support of the co-operatives it is unlikely that we could have had a national farm organization of any importance or influence to date.

But we have had one which has been recognized and respected as the voice of organized agriculture — and

A.F.A. NOTES

By JAMES R. McFALL, Secretary
Coarse Grains for Eastern Canada:
Our readers will remember that the question of coarse grains in relation to supply and price was a very live topic at the C.F.A. annual meeting held in Victoria, B.C. in January.

To try to arrive at a solution to this problem, it was agreed that a committee be appointed to meet at an early date with the Commissioners of the Canadian Wheat Board. This committee was named and did meet with the Commissioners in Ottawa on March 7th. The prairie committee members were J. H. Wesson, Sask.; W. J. Parker, Man.; Ben Plumer, Alta.; and J. E. Brownlee representing the U.G.G. over the three provinces.

Prior to the meeting with the Commissioners, the full Federation Committee met with other members of the Federation Board for preliminary discussion. The discussions with the Wheat Board Commissioners, while they did not bring any concrete solution, were very helpful and brought out detailed information for all parties concerned.

The Eastern feeders have felt that supplies of feed should be banked in Eastern Canada, and that part of their problem was readily available stocks. From the facts presented, the availability of supplies was not a factor, but rather faulty distribution at eastern points.

The Western representatives took the stand that larger stocks of grain could not be stored in the east without moving them out of position. This argument was supported by the Wheat Board. This is especially true at present and during the past year when export from Canada has taken such a large portion of the grains available for sale.

The question of direct farmer-buying from the Wheat Board was discussed in full. The Board pointed out that any individual or business could buy direct from the Board. This whole question is by no means closed, and sincere efforts will be continued to find ways and means of providing Eastern feeders with regular supplies at prices as stable as possible. To this end meetings will likely be held throughout eastern points to acquaint the farmers with information and facts dealing with the moving and marketing of feed grains.

Submission to Transport Commis-
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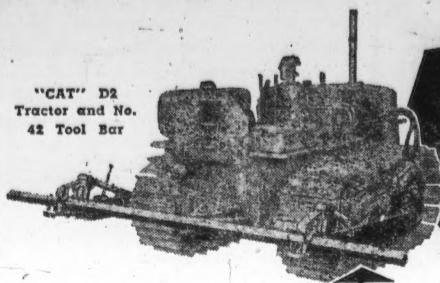
for its record of achievement, in its first seventeen years of operation, it is doubtful if there are national farm organizations in many countries surpassing or even equalling that of our own Federation.

Two Parts, Both "Largely Ineffective"

"If we did not, in our national Federation, include co-operative member bodies along with membership and commodity groups, we would simply split agriculture into two parts, and the resulting disunity would render both parts largely ineffective. The influence and achievements of the Canadian Federation of Agriculture to date have been possible because of national unity in our ranks. To split those ranks, rather than disagree and resolve our differences by a compromise inside our ranks, seems to me a retrograde step.

"There are other reasons why the membership of co-operative bodies has been an asset to the Federation of Agriculture. Members of co-operatives are usually not so likely to be carried away by catchy slogans by a program of protest alone, or by short-sighted policies which are not best in the long run. As a result of their experience, co-op members usually have a background of economic education which prompts them to take a broad and constructive view of policy issues."

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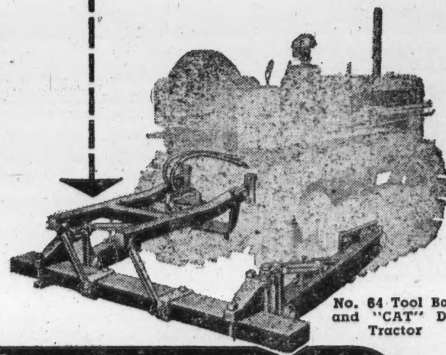
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QUEEN MARY

Queen Mary exemplified in her life the
qualities of character and the unswerving ad-
herence to a high rule of conduct which we
associate with the great Victorian tradition.
An affectionate mother and grandmother,
she was a strict disciplinarian. She was a
devoted queen, of royal bearing, strict in the
observance of protocol, a stickler for the pro-
perties, applying to her own life and to the
carrying out of her exacting public duties
the standards which she required others to
maintain. Her graciousness and kindness
of heart won love, as her devotion to duty
and her dignity won respect.

A revealing incident occurred at the re-
ception given at Buckingham Palace to the
members of the Empire Parliamentary Asso-
ciation when that Association met in London
in 1948.

The late Arthur L. Smith, then represen-
tative for Calgary West, was one of the large
number of delegates — with every one of
whom Queen Mary shook hands, standing
erect as what seemed to Mr. Smith to be an
interminable line of honored persons filed
past.

Later, Mr. Smith ventured to ask Her
Majesty, who was still standing, whether she
did not feel tired. In a pleasant manner she
asked him to state who he was and where
he came from. When he had done so she
said:

"Mr. Smith, of Canada, I shall be 82 on
my next birthday, and I am NOT tired."

A GREAT LOSS

Shortly before our press time, we learned
with very deep regret of the death of R. D.
Purdy, who for many years has been the
general manager of the Alberta Wheat Pool.

The loss will be felt as a heavy personal
blow by all who have been associated with
him in the building of the pool since he took
over its management — including the board
and staff and the delegates, who years ago
came to know him well and to appreciate his
qualities. It will be keenly felt by farm people
throughout Alberta, many of whom had per-
sonal contact with him.

But the loss is a severe one, not only to
the Pool. The Pool was his constant and most
pressing responsibility, always ably borne;
but as a man of fine public spirit and patriot-
ism, he devoted his talents freely in services
which were Canada-wide in scope.

Mr. Purdy carried on the work of manage-
ment with quiet efficiency — the hallmark,
perhaps, of a great executive; surmounting,
especially in the earlier years, difficulties of
the most formidable order, and, under the
direction of the elected officers and of the
annual meeting in matters of policy, bring-
ing the Pool to its present position of unpre-
cedented strength.

With the acumen which he brought to the
solution of business problems, and with great
thoroughness, Mr. Purdy combined pleasant-
ness of manner and great kindness. For
these, as well as his achievement as a builder
of success, he will be long remembered.

TO MY HUSBAND IN HOSPITAL

Since for a while you must be shut away
From this sweet season's joyful cavalcade,
I cannot mourn a sky grown cold and grey,
With Spring's first early promises betrayed.
Your bondage must be easier to bear
When learning, from your streaming window-
pane,
Your garden is not calling for your care,
But passively surrenders to the rain.

When warming sun returns, let not your heart
Be downcast — there are willing hands to do
The tasks from which your own are set apart.
And when, your exile ended, you renew
Your happy labors, you may hope to find
That man and nature both, dear, have been kind.

ISA GRINDLAY JACKSON.

EUROPE'S "GREEN" POOL

(Ottawa Citizen)

Representatives of 17 European powers
have been meeting in Paris this week to dis-
cuss ways of creating an agricultural pool
which would open up a mass market to Euro-
pean farm products. The countries range
from Turkey to Portugal and Spain. In the
initial operation, the commodities to be pooled
would include wheat and cereals, tobacco,
fruits and vegetables, sugar, meat, milk and
perhaps wine. The scheme has many ad-
vantages, but considerable opposition must
clearly be overcome before it can be put into
effect.

The average French cow, for instance,
gives only half as much milk as a Danish cow.
French soil, by and large, is a good deal less
productive than Danish, Dutch or Belgian.
Were a mass market for agricultural products
to be created in Europe, and were tariff bar-
riers removed, the short-term prospect for
French peasants would be one of declining
living standards. Until their own agriculture
became as efficient as that of their neighbors
the French farmers would be unable to com-
pete.

This prospect alone has caused misgivings among
French political leaders as to the desirability of an
agricultural pool. And the circumstances that apply
to France are true of other countries, in respect to one
commodity or another, with the less efficient producers
afraid of the more productive.

But if the immediate effects of a mass market might
be burdensome to many peasants, the long-term results
could only be beneficial. Given larger markets, farm-
ers would tend to specialize in the commodities they
can produce most efficiently. Moreover, without tariff
protection they would have to improve their own pro-
ductivity in order to compete with farmers of neigh-
boring countries. Both agriculture and the consuming
public should gain. But a very high degree of states-
manship will be needed to persuade farmers to act
against their short-term interests in order to gain long-
term advantages.

Even if a mass market for agricultural commodities
is achieved in Europe, this in itself will not wholly solve
farm problems. Unless living standards among urban
workers there rise constantly, farmers producing for a
mass market may find themselves with large surpluses
on their hands. Moreover, if the marketing of farm
products is to be pooled, it would seem only right that
scientific techniques should also be widely shared, so
that farmers in one country will not have an unfair
advantage over those in others. These are factors that
will have to be taken into account if the full benefits
of a mass market are to be reaped.

Served Movement Well



R. D. PURDY

HIGH TRIBUTES PAID (Continued from Page 1)

position, becoming after some years assistant manager at Edmonton.

On the death of Chester T. Elliott, who had been manager of the Alberta Wheat Pool, Mr. Purdy was appointed to that position in January, 1925, being later appointed general manager of the Pool and Alberta Pool Elevators. The co-operative has grown steadily with the years, its business volume today being larger in this Province than that of any other business organization.

Great Interest in Forestry

Taking a great interest in forestry, whose importance to agriculture he recognized, Mr. Purdy became chairman of the Alberta Forestry Association, and he was a strong supporter of the plan to set up the Eastern Rockies Forest Conservation Board, a joint enterprise of Dominion and Alberta Governments which from year to year is extending its services in the development of roads and of installations to enable conservation measures to be made effective.

Mr. Purdy was also a member of the Calgary Board of Trade, and of other Calgary organizations, and of the Alberta Council of the Canadian Red Cross Society. He was appointed director of the Bank of Montreal in 1950.

Surviving are his wife, Marion, and a brother, Kent, in Edmonton. At the time when this issue goes to press, arrangements have been made for funeral services in Knox United Church, Calgary, at 2 p.m., Wednesday, April 1st.

Mr. Purdy had been a member of the Winnipeg Grain Exchange since 1940, and on Monday trading was suspended on the exchange in tribute to him, the president, Stanley Jones, describing him as "the esteemed top executive of one of the West's biggest grain concerns."

Protection From Frost

Damage by Sprinkling

WHITEHORSE, Yukon — Sprinkling of potato vines during periods when the temperature dropped below 33 degrees F., gave protection from frost damage, it was found by experiments conducted at the Dominion sub-station here. Sprinkling was kept up during the periods of low temperature and, though the vines were on one occasion heavily sheathed with ice, they emerged practically undamaged.

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Progeny Testing Plan for Beef Breeds Asked

Breeders of the three beef breeds were requested by the C.F.A. Annual Meeting to inaugurate in co-operation with the Canadian Department of Agriculture, a scheme of progeny testing. "Eventually", read the resolution on this subject, "rate of gain and economy of gain of breeding stock will be the standard of proficiency for beef cattle, rather than show ring standards which prevail at present."

District 14 Starts Something New With Forty - Rink Bonspiel

Members of District 14 of the Farmers' Union of Alberta started something new in Union activities when they carried out a successful one-day bonspiel at Lethbridge Civic Ice Centre on March 12th, reports Miss Molly Coupland, Secretary-treasurer for the district.

Forty rinks participated, from the following Locals: Burdett, Cardston, Cowley, Crystal Lake, Clearwater, Irvine, Magrath, Marr, Manarch, Newlands, Picture Butte, Pincher Creek, Rainier, Readymade, Scandia, Taber, Utopia, Vauxhall, Warner, Wilson, Wrentham and Writing-on-Stone.

Rock-tossing in the first draw started at 9 a.m. In the afternoon all winners played each other and losers the same; the point system was used to score. In the main event, Crystal Lake Local, skipped by Pete Coyne, won the Implement Dealers' Challenge Trophy, and eight bushels of Chinook wheat, donated by Farstad and Associates. The Mueller rink from Wrentham captured second place, and received cream and sugar sets. Inner tubes and pipe wrenches were the consolation prizes.

President Harry Patching and Arnold Platt, of Wilson Local, were chief organizers of the 'spiel.

Will Report on Efforts to Obtain Allowances for Prisoners of War

Efforts of the 50/14 Association to obtain maltreatment allowance for all Canadian servicemen who were prisoners in Europe during World War II, along the same lines as the blanket allowances authorized for prisoners taken at Hong Kong, will be reported on at the Annual Banquet of the Association in the Palliser hotel, Calgary, on April 11th, by Major A. H. Turney, chairman of a special committee to promote the welfare of the European P.O.W.'s.

Close liaison is being maintained with the National Council of Canadian Prisoners of War, with headquarters in Montreal, which represents more than 7,000 of the 9,555 Canadians taken prisoner during the war.

The 50/14 Association was one of the first, probably the first, to protest the action of the Federal Government several months ago, in discriminating against prisoners taken in Europe, whose claims have been placed on an individual basis. A blanket payment of \$1 a day for each day in captivity, and following the U.S. system, further 50 cents for each man who can show maltreatment, is asked. Most of the group taken prisoners at Dieppe were handcuffed for 412 days.

Taxpayers, under the 50/14 plan, would not be called upon to pay anything. Just as the Hong Kong prisoners are paid out of frozen Japanese funds, so the European prisoners could be paid out of frozen German funds.

The 50/14 program will open at 6:30, with cookhouse at 7 p.m. There will be a fine program of music and no speeches. Membership of the Association includes veterans of the 50th Battalion, C.E.F. in the first war and of King's Own Calgary Regiment — the 14th (Tanks) in the second. Men who served in either unit are invited.

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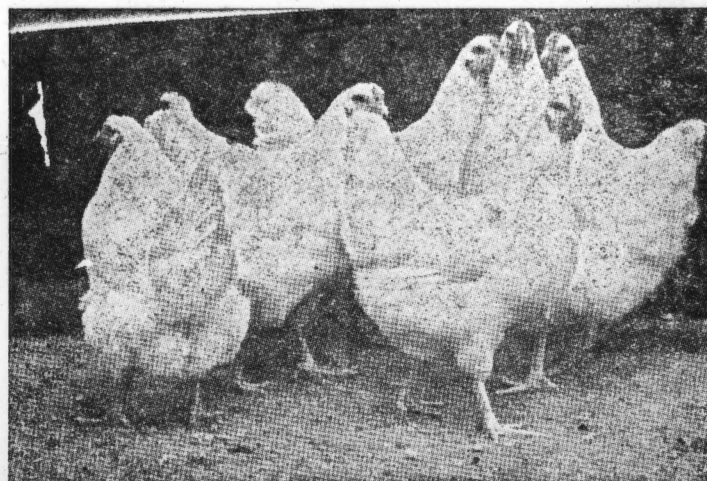
A Few Words of Encouragement

WE WOULD like this week to write a few words of encouragement to our poultry and egg producers.

Hatchery reports confirm our opinion that many producers have become discouraged with the returns they received last year for eggs and poultry — especially turkeys.

Responsibility for Disorderly Flow

The poultry and egg business is one that is more easily dropped or increased on the farm than perhaps most other farm operations, and this fact is responsible more than any other for



WISE WORDS ABOUT EGGS

A Sudden Drop

of eight to ten cents a dozen in the price of eggs would be a very serious matter for egg producers.

Yet hundreds of Alberta farmers "drop" this amount or more with every dozen eggs they sell as undergrades.

Dirty and stained shelled eggs go down to B and C grade. Eggs that are kept too long on the farm develop a large air cell which puts them down in grade.

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the disorderly flow of poultry products from one year to another.

However, as long as we have the privilege of choosing our operations in accordance to our guess of what will pay off this year or next, the picture will always be an abundance this year and a scarcity next, with correspondingly low or high prices.

The year 1952 will go down in the records as a high production year with disappointing returns. What of 1953? We believe that the poultryman who stays with it will make up to a large extent for the inadequate returns of last year.

Outlook Now Encouraging

As we have said, hatchery returns show a much smaller demand for chicks and poults than last year. This situation can change and probably will. Egg prices are rising and the prospects for a better turkey market are good.

Many poultrymen will change their minds about curtailing their operations this year, in view of the encouraging outlook, and they will be wise to do so.

Those who raise good stock and finish it well should be adequately rewarded. Packers and wholesalers across the country realize they will need poultry that does not exist to take care of other replacement needs, unless the flow of chicks to the farms is greatly increased, and yes, we believe that this will be the poultryman's year.

CENTRAL ALBERTA DAIRY POOL SECTION

Cull As They Grow

TO MANY people the culling of growing stock seems to mean merely the removal of those birds which are ill or stunted; but it can, and should, be much more than that.

Of course there are bound to be a few birds that are off color or very backward or small compared with the average, and these should go out as soon as seen. But, again, this is not the kind of culling I have in mind. It is what every good poultryman will do as a matter of course.

Start at 14 Weeks

I am thinking of the birds which, while in perfect health and well grown, are not likely to become good layers. This culling can start long before the time when the pullets are to go into their laying quarters. I would start at about 14 weeks of age, when any bird that was not up to average of the flock in comb growth and feathering would be culled out.

At about 18 weeks, another culling would take place, when any bird that was not beginning to reddon about the face would go no matter how good it might otherwise be. Any birds that were below the average size would also go.

Last Culling at Night

At the time most of the birds in the flock are in lay I would again go through them and turn out any bird that had not started. This last culling should be done at night, when the birds are on the perch, to avoid disturbing those that are laying.

This system is based on the fact that the early layers are, on the whole, the best layers. Some slow-maturing birds will, I know, lay a good number of eggs, but the bird that takes a long time to come into lay costs much more to grow to first egg than the one that comes into lay in a short time.

May Double Profit

The difference in rate of maturity may mean the cost of a dozen eggs between the bird that lays at five months of age and the one that lays at six months. This may mean double the profit on the fast-maturing bird, while the one that takes seven months or more to come into lay may not lay well enough to pay for its rearing and keep when adult.

Ask Fruit Marketing Board

QUEBEC, P.Q. — Quebec fruit growers are demanding a general marketing board to handle pricing and selling of the Province's top grade apples.

Farmers' Cash Income

OTTAWA, Ont.—Cash income of Canadian farmers from the sale of farm products in 1952, according to Dominion Bureau of Statistics estimate, was \$2,787 millions — slightly below the record figure for 1951.

EGG EATING HABIT

Breaking and eating of eggs by the birds themselves is sometimes a source of annoyance and loss to poultry keepers, especially at times when there is a shortage of eggs.

Provided the birds are fed on a balanced ration, there are very few which will acquire the habit of deliberately breaking and eating the eggs, but if an egg is broken the contents are quickly eaten by all members of the flock.

Provide Enough Nests

Care must therefore be taken to provide sufficient suitable nests with adequate nesting material to prevent the eggs being laid on the bare floor. If it is found that hens are deliberately breaking eggs by piercing the shells with their beaks, there is no alternative but to detect the culprits and eliminate them from the flock.

This can be done by placing an egg in the run and watching for the hen which breaks it.

Most hens will approach the egg and perhaps roll it about with their beaks, but the "egg eater" will lose no time in breaking it with her beak and, of course, the others will join in the feast.

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In registrations of pure bred beef cattle in 1952, Alberta led the Provinces of Canada, with 19,850 of a total of 62,879. Ontario came second, but nearly seventy per cent of the pure breeds registered were from the four Western Provinces. On the basis of breeds, the registrations included 34,013 Herefords, 21,853 Shorthorns, 6,983 Aberdeen-Angus and 30 Galloways. Canada's pure bred beef herds, states Grant MacEwan, manager of the Council of Canadian Beef Producers (Western Section), are in good shape to meet the demands of the future.

Develop Saskatoon Strains

BEAVERLODGE, Alberta — Two strains of the native saskatoon named Pembina and Smoky are being introduced by the Experimental Station here. They are recommended for ornamental planting and for windbreaks, as well as for their fruit, and are being distributed as seedlings.

Oil is a Gamble too!



Farmers and oilmen have a lot in common. A farmer sows a crop, but what he harvests is up to nature.

By the same token, there are many hazards peculiar to the oil business. In spite of scientific improvements and techniques applied to the business of searching for oil, the only way to determine the presence of oil is by drilling. And drilling a wildcat well is one of the most risky ventures in modern industry. Pushing a hole thousands of feet into the earth has cost as much as a million and a half dollars—yet more often than not, wildcat wells turn out dry. Since 1946, for example, the odds against a wildcat well finding a new oil field have been 22 to 1 in Western Canada.

Because oilmen took the gamble—and are still taking it—everybody benefits. Across Western Canada, oil discoveries have brought increased government revenues, payments to farmers for surface use, new employment, and the lowest petroleum product prices in the country.

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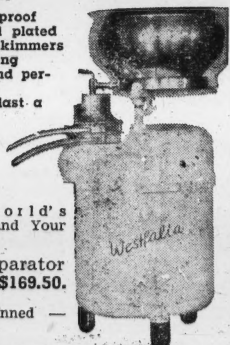
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WORLD CHRONICLE

Mar. 19th—West German Parliament approves treaties with other West European countries for rearming. Soviet Commander in Germany proposes conference to prevent "disagreeable air incidents." Howe says "hour of decision" has arrived at IWA conference in Washington. Tear gas subdues rioting war prisoners on Yoncho Island.

Mar. 20th — Churchill announces agreement with Tito that conflict resulting from aggression in Europe "could hardly remain local in character." Four-power conference to be held on air safety over Germany, announced from Berlin. Following defeat of Russian nominees, Madame



MADAME
PANDIT

Pandit and Skrzyszewski (Poland); Trygve Lie is expected to continue to act as Secretary - General of US pro tem. Committee of five replaces Malenkov as Communist party secretary in U.S.S.R. Lakehead elevator workers threaten strike.

Mar. 21st—Moscow broadcast dwells on possibility of co-operation between Russia and Western countries. Washington despatch says Eisenhower and Dulles stand by their nomination of Bohlen as ambassador to Russia, in spite of bitter opposition by McCarthy group.

Mar. 22nd—British newspapers report growing interest in Canadian investments.

Mar. 23rd—Queen Mary dies in London, in her eighty-sixth year. In UN political committee, Gromyko charges again that United Nations plans new world war. Reds launch heavy attack in Korea on wide front, taking several positions, but driven back except from Old Baldy.

Mar. 24th—Britain reduces import duties on European goods; raises travel allowances for British visitors to the Continent. Social Credit Government in B.C. defeated on vote of confidence.

Mar. 25th—Churchill says Britain will accept Russian proposal for talks on air safety over Germany. U.S.

How You Say It

The last name of Georgi M. Malenkov is pronounced as though it were spelled Mal-yen-KOFF with the primary accent on the last syllable and a secondary accent on the second syllable. In Russian the "v" at the end of a word is often pronounced like the English "f" when the last syllable is stressed, as in this case.

—New York Times.

bans Canadian dried milk products; Howe tells Commons Ottawa has made strong protests. Lodge informs UN political committee U.S. will meet Russia halfway any time to work for easing of world tensions. Burma calls on UN to declare Nationalist Chinese guilty of aggression in maintaining army on Burmese territory. In British Parliament, former war minister, Shinwell, urges Government protest against training of Formosa Chinese under U.S. officers; states this indicates attempt to invade Chinese mainland planned.

Mar. 26th—Wheat talks at Washington adjourned until Monday. French Premier Mayer begins talks with Eisenhower. Chinese strongly attack positions held by U.S. in Western Korea; capture Bunker Hill positions. Thailand premier expresses willingness for Chinese Nationalist troops to withdraw through Thailand to Formosa, provided they are disarmed and that Britain and U.S. agree.

Mar. 27th—Mau Mau kill estimated 200 Africans friendly to whites. London reports 1,200 to 1,500 will be added to British armed strength in Kenya; will be sent by air. U.S. Senate by large majority confirms appointment of Bohlen as ambassador to Russia. U.S. Marines regain west Korean outpost in hard fighting. At United Nations, N.S. asks that prisoners of war who have reportedly confessed to waging germ warfare be sent to neutral areas for questioning by UN authorities.

Mar. 28th — Peiping broadcasts acceptance of UN offer to exchange sick and wounded war prisoners. Burma announces she wants no more U.S. financial aid. B.C. Legislature dissolved; election to be held on or before June 15th. Cairo reports conference between Selwyn Lloyd and Naguib makes progress on Sudan question. Union head vetoes Lakehead grain handlers strike. Mau Mau kill at least twelve pro-British native home guards.

Mar. 29th — From Nairobi comes report of surrounding whole African settlement, screening of thousands for Mau Mau activities. U.S. Marines regain Vegas position, beat off strong Chinese counter-attacks. Amid scenes of disorder, Italian parliament approves de Gasperi election measure; (gives party with 50 per cent of seats a "bonus" of further 15 per cent).

Mar. 30th — Chou En-lai proposes resumption of peace talks; suggests war prisoners not wishing to return home be sent to a neutral state. Premier Mayer of France in Ottawa; Franco-Canadian trade discussed.

Mar. 31st — British-Russian conference on prevention of "air incidents" opens in Berlin.

"Miracles in Fields"

"Miracles in Fields — Modern Weed Control" is the title of a new pamphlet in the series published by the Canadian Bank of Commerce on farm topics. Like the others in the series, it combines sound and up-to-date information with amusing cartoons.

To Help Fishermen

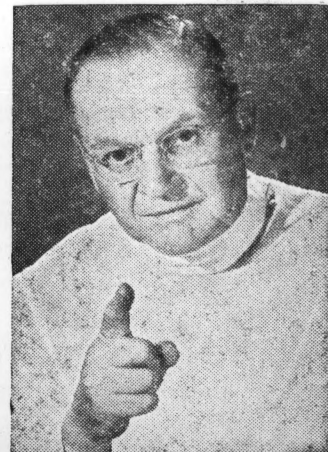
Co-operatives had done much for grain producers of the West, and could help fishermen to free themselves from the present system of "debt control" by private companies, declared President J. D. Wilton of the Manitoba Federation of Agriculture and Co-operation recently. The farm organization pledged "all possible aid" to Manitoba fishermen in their efforts to secure fair returns.

New Disease Resistant Soft Wheat is Object of Lethbridge Experiments

LETHBRIDGE, Alta. — A breeding program is under way at the Experimental Station here to produce a disease-resistant soft white wheat variety of a quality equal or superior to Lemhi, now largely grown on irrigated land in Southern Alberta. Certain hybrids are showing a high degree of resistance to leaf and stem rust, but there is no information available as yet on their yielding and milling qualities.

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**Slow Progress Disappoints
Hannam — Stresses Position
of Canadian Farmer**

"Nations have learned to co-operate in war and in preparing for war; but nations have not yet applied real co-operation in matters of trade or internationally organized programs such as a world food program."

Action in Two Fields

These words prefaced a strong plea by Dr. H. H. Hannam, when he addressed the recent Congress of the Co-operative Union of Canada in Edmonton, for the adoption of fiscal policies designed to "expand production and trade to meet the needs of a hungry world".

He urged further "co-operative action in the commodity field, so that nations may join (in the words of an expert of FAO) in 'concerted efforts to attack the common enemies of mankind — poverty, disease, and hunger, instead of each attacking the others' prosperity in a futile effort to defend its own."

The Unfulfilled Promise

The President of the A.F.A. recalled an unfulfilled promise. Ten years ago, when nations came together at Hot Springs, Virginia, "a great wave reverberated around the globe, heartening people everywhere with the promise that world governments were going to work together in an organized international plan for feeding the world."

"Up to that time, national considerations had dominated all production, trade and distribution programs, with results that are well known. So often and in so many parts of the world unsold surpluses would pile up and block and discourage production."

Thought Nations Meant Business

"We thought the nations of the free world were really going to co-operate in a world program, organize internationally every expanding production, particularly of food, and improve distribution. That program, it was felt, would raise the health standard of the undernourished peoples and at the same time assure food producers of more adequate and more stable returns."

Two plans were considered, both providing for a well equipped and well financed international agency to direct or carry out the program — the setting up of a World Food Board and an International Commodity Clearing House.

"Will Come — Will Have to Come"

"The Governments in the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) backed away from them, so the high hopes of ten years ago for a co-operative approach to international trade in food and agricultural products have faded somewhat. We should not, however, be too badly

When Queen Mary Was Duchess of York



This charming picture of the young Duchess of York who was later to become Queen Mary and her son, who later became King George VI, was taken in the middle nineties. Born on March 26th, 1867, a daughter of the Prince and Duke of Teck, she was known before marriage as Princess May. She was married to the Duke of York (later King George V) at St. James's Palace, on July 6th, 1893. King George died on January 20th, 1936, when their eldest son became Edward VIII; and on his abdication and assumption of the title of the Duke of Windsor, their second eldest son succeeded to the throne on December 11th, 1936. The youngest son, the Duke of Kent, was killed on active service on August 25th, 1942. Other children of the marriage are the Princess Royal and the Duke of Gloucester.

discouraged. It will come — will up can so quickly undermine the price economy of their commodity. have to come."

The International Wheat Agreement functioning for the past four years with reasonable success had been one of the greatest advances of modern times, said the speaker. It had been a victory for those who believe that the world's economic affairs can be conducted in harmony with ideals of co-operation and human brotherhood.

Trying to Work Out Plan

Dr. Hannam announced that the commodity committee of FAO is now trying to work out a plan to establish an Emergency Famine Reserve. Three methods were being considered:

(a) An internationally owned food reserve established in advance and held for emergency use;

(b) An internationally owned emergency relief fund made up of contributions either paid or pledged, and

(c) Nationally owned reserve stocks or earmarked portions of publicly owned stocks.

"As yet," said the speaker, "it appears no thought has been given to linking up the disposal of surpluses with the need for a famine reserve."

Pointing out that a group of U.S. congressmen are even now attempting to revive and promote the idea of an international commodity agency or clearing house, Dr. Hannam said:

"Daren't Risk All-out Production"

"While Canada is one of the few surplus producing countries to which the needy world might look for increased food supplies, producers here dare not risk all-out production because of uncertainty of those markets, and because even small, seasonal or temporary surpluses piling

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tion is interrupted, and the hope of progressively expanding food production becomes quite out of the question.

"Until governments in FAO come to grips with this particular problem, plans for food output to overtake population increase are not likely to be more than pious hopes."

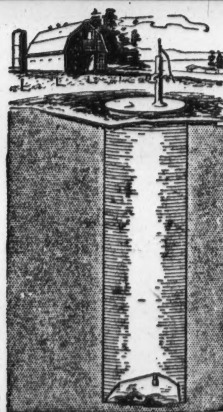
Dr. Hannam recalled a statement, made at one of the FAO conferences, that "it is a mark of civilization to be able to produce abundantly, but it is a still greater mark of advancement to be able to use abundance for the benefit of mankind."

If Not Goods — Then Armies

For European countries, "trade not aid" was sought; but unless we permitted Europe to buy from us, by removing tariffs and currency restrictions, we might well be confronted by the alternative, as expressed at a conference of the International Federation of Agricultural Producers: "If goods do not move across national boundaries, armies will."

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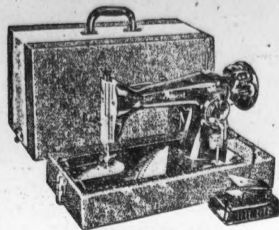
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FARM WOMEN'S INTERESTS

Including News of The Farm Women's Union of Alberta

TRAGEDY OF A REMOTE AREA

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Dear Farm Women:

Sometimes as farm women we have considered our lives very hum drum, very monotonous. Perhaps they are in one sense, although, in another, when we think of working with and being interested in the living, growing things of life, and working immediately with Nature, they are far from that. But, as I say, we have times when we think that to be the case and that the life of those with whom we come in contact is much the same, although of course we can all think of instances when that is not the case.

Loss We Cannot Replace

When we move from the community where we have known most of the people for the greater part of our and their lives, there is a loss we cannot replace. We miss the thought of the mutual understanding, although of course we all feel we have private joys and disappointments and ambitions and troubles of which others do not know.

To offset that to a degree when coming to a new community we see and hear of new acquaintances. Sometimes we hear of great opportunities, of great accomplishments and others of sorrows and of tragedies.

I had intended writing to you of a most able address on Education which was given at the Canadian School Trustees' Convention. Instead of which I think I shall tell quite a different story of a wild western incident.

A Terrible Experience

"I was talking last night to a man whose work takes him at times to rather remote districts and this happened some years ago. When going along the rather poor road, up north, he had an accident with his car. On looking around he saw a shack in the distance and went to it for help. He was going to knock when he saw the door slightly ajar and opened it, after giving a slight rap, as there was no response. The ghastly spectacle met him of a man on the floor with his dog at his side and a rifle which had evidently ended life for them.

What interested me so much was the note pinned to the man's coat. It was beautifully written, as the police had allowed the finder to keep it. This is what it said:

Once I was rugged,
Now I am lame,
Crippled with Rheumatism
Till I am nearly insane.

I have squeezed my last nugget,
And staked my last claim,
I am off to the races;
'Tis the end of the game.

I will take my dog with me,
He would starve here alone
With no one to feed him
His mush and his bone.

When anything at all like that happens, don't you always wonder first the dreams his mother might have had for him and then his own aims and ambitions as he started out? We can spend much time being sentimental and moralizing over it all; but we can also be most grateful that more study is being given to help parents with the particular traits of their children and help develop the best in them.

The schools, too, can further that help. Also medical science helps many a person who one time would have been considered helpless. I'll let you all do your own moralizing.

Yours sincerely,

H. ZELLA SPENCER.

Anyone who has a cold should wear a gauze mask while caring for an infant, states the Department of National Health and Welfare, since the danger from colds and respiratory diseases is much greater for small babies than for older children or adults.

FARM HOME & GARDEN

Tomatoes for prairie gardens should be sown indoors about April 17th, and transplanted about June 10th. For prairie gardens Early Chatham, Earlilnorth, Meteor and Mustang are recommended by the Indian Head Experimental Farm.

Nylons are stronger and wear longer if made of 30 to 40 denier yarns. The sheer nylons, which are usually made of 15 denier yarns, are naturally very delicate; and the new 12 denier hose are suitable for "luxury wear" only.

Trudy's Meat Pudding: Make a thin batter of 1½ cups flour, 2 eggs, a pinch of salt, 2 cups milk. Grease a baking dish, pour in a thin layer of batter, and bake 5 minutes; remove from oven, and cover the batter with 1 lb. minced steak seasoned to taste with salt, pepper, minced chives and parsley; then pour over the rest of the batter. Bake in hot oven until brown, then reduce heat sharply for about ½ hour or until cooked.

Baked Apples: Wash and core. Stuff with brown sugar blended with a little butter; honey and cinnamon; raisins or dates, with white sugar added; marshmallows and cinnamon drops; orange marmalade; or mince-meat.

Cocoanut Drop Cookies: Mix together ½ cup each cornflakes and cocoanut, 1 cup flour, ¼ cup sugar, 1 tsp. baking powder, 1 heaping tbs. cocoa; add ½ cup melted butter and 1 tsp. vanilla; press into oblong pan, and bake. Cut into fingers while warm.

Roasting, according to modern authorities, is a simple process. Place the meat, fat side up, on a rack in an open roasting pan. Don't cover, and don't add water. Beef, veal, cured pork and lamb are roasted at 300 degrees F., and pork at 350 degrees F.

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News of Women's Locals

Plant slips were exchanged at a recent meeting of Brooks F.W.U.A.

Pelican F.W.U.A. (Edgerton) recently held a raffle in aid of delegate's expenses to A.C.W.W.

Spurcville F.W.U.A. (Lacombe) devote their "tea money" at regular meetings to the Unitarian Service Committee.

During the winter, Griffin Creek F.W.U.A. held a series of weekly card parties, reports Mrs. O. M. Pederson.

Beaverlodge F.W.U.A. is donating a \$5 prize for the best kept record books at the calf club fair.

Willington East F.W.U.A. realized a clear profit of \$210 from their annual oazaar, reports Mrs. Iftody.
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Turning From Direct Relief to Self-Help

CARE Field Officer Tells "Leader" of Plans

"FOOD is still the primary need the world over," Miss Mary MacMillan, of New York, Field Representative of CARE told *The Western Farm Leader* during a visit to Calgary where she has spent the past week. "Canadians have channelled almost 4½ million dollars worth of food and textile packages to more than 30 countries, in the six years of CARE's operations in Canada.

"At the present time,"

Miss MacMillan continued, "it is felt that the acute food emergency is over in most countries and CARE is gradually turning its attention away from direct relief towards 'self-help.'

"In order to produce food for the world's millions," Miss MacMillan went on, "certain basic tools are needed. It is difficult for a Canadian living in this vast agricultural country to imagine a farmer in India who goes to his daily chores on his farm, equipped with nothing but a crooked stick and his bare hands."

Can Deliver Plow for \$17.50

CARE with the assistance of outstanding agricultural experts, has designed a plow which is light enough to be drawn by a draft animal. This plow can be delivered in Greece, India, or Pakistan for the price of \$17.50. The value of the plow to an Indian farmer cannot be measured in terms of dollars and cents. It means, literally a new life — his own private industrial revolution!

"The plow," Miss MacMillan continued, "is just one of the 'self-help' ideas of CARE. There is also the kit for young apprentice carpenters in Europe, where it is necessary for each apprentice to own his own tools. The price, of course, is prohibitive for a young man just starting out to earn his livelihood. The price, \$20.00, to a Canadian represents a small investment in the career of a young European.



MISS MARY MacMILLAN of New York, who is interviewed on this page by *The Western Farm Leader*, served in Germany for a year with UNNRA at the war's end before joining the staff of the Co-operative for American Remittances to Europe (CARE), of which she has been a member for seven years. Miss MacMillan is a native of Nova Scotia. She addressed the Knights of the Round Table in Calgary this week, and she was a speaker at the recent Annual Congress of the Co-operative Union of Canada. CARE's Ottawa headquarters are in Ottawa.

Kit for Refugees

"Then there is the kit for Refugees, the victims of war and conflicting ideologies. This kit contains eight basic tools suitable for clearing of land, cultivating and homemaking. Cost of this kit \$15.00. There is also the Hand-Tool package containing a steel mattock, weeding hoe, pitchfork and shovel at a cost of \$10.00. There are a great many other projects of a self-help nature which CARE has worked out in co-operation with the U.N. agencies, WHO, UNESCO, and FAO."

Miss MacMillan is making a tour of Canada's major cities in the interest of CARE's self-help program. She reports a keen interest on the part of Canadians in sharing the fruits of their prosperity with the less fortunate peoples of the world. "Canadians are generous," Miss MacMillan stated. "They have only to be told the specific needs and the methods of getting help where it is needed."

CARE maintains its Canadian office at 73 Albert Street, Ottawa.

FARM WOMEN'S LOCALS

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Mrs. Jack Fuhr is the new secretary of St. Albert F.W.U.A., replacing Mrs. J. R. Atkinson, who is leaving the district.

Swalwell F.W.U.A. have appointed Mrs. C. S. Howe as Garden Club leader, with four members to act as advisory committee.

Eclipse F.W.U.A. raised \$20 by serving a lunch at a sale, writes Mrs. J. Duffy, and \$20.70 at a card party; a

bake sale is planned for April 18th, at Lacombe.

Dakota F.W.U.A. (Ponoka) recently heard an enlightening lecture on the Mayo Clinic, at Rochester, by Mr. Saunders, reports Mrs. E. Bresce.

Further plans to raise money for the Building Fund were discussed recently, reports Mrs. Marr, Secretary of Utopia F.W.U.A. (Twin Butte).

Mrs. L. Leonhardt reports that Drumheller F.W.U.A. recently voted in favor of a membership fee of \$1 for transient farm help, with local privileges only.

Grand Meadow F.W.U.A. (Ponoka) recently voted \$25 to the Salvation Army, writes Mrs. Elofson, \$15 to the Save the Children Fund, and \$25 to a local family who were burned out. They are sponsoring a candidate for Stampede Queen.

Mrs. Knapp was chosen by Ranfurly F.W.U.A. to represent them at a meeting to consider erection of a new community centre; and Mrs. P. Austin writes that plans were made for an Amateur Night and Dance on April 10th.

Following a recent meeting of Sydenham F.W.U.A. (Wainwright), Mrs. C. Borch writes that a surprise birthday party was held for the oldest member, Mrs. Bottaro, complete with birthday cake and candles; and Mrs. Bottaro was presented with a gift from the other members.

Royce F.W.U.A. recently arranged a pie social and dance to be held April 10th, in aid of the Hines Creek Nurses' Home. Mrs. W. J. Edmunds writes that several requests made by their delegation to the Divisional School Board received immediate attention.

Arrowwood F.W.U.A. are taking up two special collections for European flood relief, and are sponsoring a quilting bee for Red Cross work, reports Mrs. F. Hall. Earlier, \$33 was raised at a showing of films, to help pay for repairs at the hall, work being contributed by F.U.A. members.

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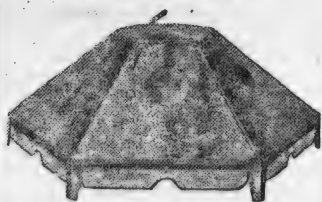
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from Denmark (through the A.C.W.W.) to whom they will send a round robin letter, writes Mrs. D. Galletly. Recently Mrs. F. Weber gave a very informative report on the Edmonton cancer meeting, and Mrs. James Hallum spoke on her holiday in California.

Very satisfactory results on the catering for the Farmers' Bonspiel were presented at the March meeting of Three Hills F.W.U.A., reports Mrs. A. J. Cameron. Mrs. Irene Davies will be hostess to the April 17th meeting, when Miss Shatz will give a talk on "Safety in the Home".

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The Wheat Situation

By LEONARD D. NESBITT,
Superintendent of Publicity,
Alberta Wheat Pool

Crop prospects in the Prairie Provinces for 1953 are not as good as they were during the past two years mainly because of the light precipitation over most of this great area during the autumn of 1952. A year ago moisture reserves throughout the west were 136 per cent of normal. Now they are 84 per cent of normal for Saskatchewan, 69 per cent of normal for Alberta and 77 per cent of normal for Manitoba.

Ordinarily a good carryover of moisture from the previous autumn is needed to produce a good crop but of course there are exceptions. If abundant and frequent rains are experienced this year during the latter part of May and June and early July, moisture carryover from the previous year is not so important. The question is whether or not the West will be fortunate with its rainfall in the growing season this year.

There appears to be widespread doubt as to the probability of 1953 being a wet year. It is now 10 years since the Prairie Provinces produced a crop of less than 300 million bushels. During the past three years rainfall has been abundant and production exceedingly heavy. In 1950, 427 million bushels of wheat was produced, in 1951 529 million and in 1952 the all-time record of 664 million.

Region of Light Rainfall

The prairie Provinces are for the most part a region of light rainfall. The average annual precipitation for Saskatchewan and Alberta is around 16 inches. Manitoba gets more rain than that. It is fortunate for the entire region that most of the rain comes in May, June and July. The average precipitation for those three months at Lacombe is 8.2 inches and at Lethbridge 7.3.

There will come a time when the drought cycle will return to this part

Livestock Markets Review

CALGARY STOCKYARDS, Mar. 31st—Hogs sold yesterday \$25, good lambs \$21.25. Good to choice butcher steers sold \$19 to \$20.50, down to \$15 for common; good to near choice butcher heifers \$17.50 to \$18.50, down to \$14; good cows \$13 to \$14, down to \$11.25 for common; canners and cutters \$8 to \$11; good bulls \$13 to \$13.50, good to choice veal calves \$25 to \$28, down to \$20 for common.

EDMONTON STOCKYARDS, Mar. 30th—This market was only moderately active last week, under light receipts. Medium to good steers sold from \$17 to \$19; heavy steers were discounted 50c to \$1 per cwt. Good light cows sold from \$12 to \$13.50; good bologna bulls priced mostly at \$12 to \$13.50. Grade A hogs closed at \$26; closing quotation for good handyweight lambs was \$20 to \$21.

Egg and Poultry Market

Egg prices to producers, locally, remain at: A large 38, medium 36, small 32; B's are 32 and C's 24. Dressed chicken are: 2-3 lbs., A 42, B 36 and C 20; under 4 lbs., 39 down to 17. Dressed fowl are: under 4 lbs., 25 down to 12; 4-5 lbs., 30 down to 18; over 5 lbs., 32 down to 18.

The Dairy Market

A drop of two cents across the board brings special cream, locally, to producers, to 60 cents; No. 1 is 58, No. 2 is 49 and off-grade 43. Prints, wholesale, are 60 cents.

of Canada. But no one can prophesy with any degree of confidence that this year will be a dry one.

On the southern prairies virtually no rain fell since last September. There was a fair carryover of moisture in the summerfallow from two wet years but the stubble fields were bone dry. Recent heavy snowfalls have provided moisture for the topsoil. The land in most places is frost free.

If good rains are experienced between May 24 and July 1 prospects are that a good crop will be harvested. If rainfall is light in that period the crop will be small.

Shear only when fleeces are perfectly dry; urges Canadian Co-operative Wool Growers Limited.

Banquet Held by United Milk, Cream Producers

With President Wesley Miller of Simon's Valley as the genial toastmaster, the Annual Banquet and Dance of the Milk and Cream Producers' Association in Calgary on March 24th was attended by nearly 300 members and their families and guests, and proved one of the most enjoyable in the history of the Association.

Raleigh F. Smith, Secretary, (who is also President of the Alberta Provincial Milk Producers' Association), reported on the progress made during the year, and announced that the membership of U.M.C.P. now stands at 247. Members were gratified that Mrs. Smith, in spite of the fact that she unfortunately broke her ankle recently, was able to attend. Much regret was expressed that owing to serious illness, Mrs. Oswald Short, who has added much to the success of successive banquets as song leader, was unable to be present. Her place was capably filled by Mrs. Douglas Munn of Springbank, who herself contributed several vocal solos which were much enjoyed. James Moore, who is leaving the service of the Public Utilities Board in Calgary to become milk administrator for the Board in Edmonton, and Walter Pillidge, chief sanitary inspector for the Calgary Health Department, spoke briefly, referring to the fine co-opera-

Calgary Co-op Store Topped Province, '52 Hold Annual Meeting

Calgary Co-operative Store topped the list for the Province last year, in volume of business and in revenue surplus, it was reported at the annual membership meeting held in the city last week, attended by 150 persons including many ladies.

Total business was \$812,000 and there were 2,400 registered patrons.

Congratulations were extended to John Suits, manager of the store, by J. Russell Love, President of the Alberta Co-operative Wholesale. Mr. Suits attributed the success to "the splendid loyalty of the members and staff," and to competitive prices effective in the store.

The meeting considered the consolidated financial statement of stores of the A.C.W.S., presented by Mr. Forchuk, district supervisor.

George E. Church, chairman of the meeting, pointed out that the Calgary store had grown out of the Bulk Sales Department of the U.F.A. Co-operative, whose 21 stores were purchased in 1951 by the A.C.W.A.

Recommends Strong Women's Guild

Addressing the gathering, Norman F. Priestley, Secretary of the Alberta Co-operative Union, and former General Manager of the U.F.A. Co-operative, told of the fine work being done by the Co-operative Women's Guild in Edmonton, and recommended that thorough organization of a Guild for Calgary be carried out. Pictures were shown by Douglas Thornton of the U.F.A. Co-op. Mr. Love cautioned against installment and credit buying.

A group of ladies among the co-operators provided a delectable meal, which was much appreciated, prior to the opening of the meeting.

It was announced that about two-thirds of the members are rural and one third urban. Directors were elected as follows, five from rural and four from the urban area:

Rural: J. Fairweather (Bowness); Gordon Bowers (Airdrie); K. Rosenberger (Balzac); Dwight Ellis (Hubalta); Mrs. Vera Gillespie (De Winton). Urban: J. E. Campbell, R. W. Stirling, T. Kirkbride, W. H. Evans.

USE BRITISH TANKS

LONDON, Eng.—British Centurion tanks are being used by Canadian and American forces in Europe, and by the Dutch and Danish armies.

Pays to Treat Seed Grain

It pays to treat your seed grain—for a dollar spent on seed treatment the return is usually two dollars, and often much more, declares Dr. F. J. Greaney, in a recent bulletin of Line Elevators Farm Service. Of the many kinds of seed-treating chemicals now on the market, some are "single-purpose" and others are "dual purpose", which effectively control not only smut, and other seed-borne disease, but wireworms as well. Dr. Greaney's advice is: Be sure to buy the seed-treating chemical that will do the job you want it to do; if in doubt, seek the advice of your local Agricultural Representative, or write to your nearest university, or to the Dominion Laboratory of Plant Pathology (Winnipeg, Saskatoon or Edmonton).

tion of members of the Association with them in their work. The company stood for a minute in silence in tribute to Queen Mary, whose passing had been reported on the radio.

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World soybean production in 1952, according to **Foreign Crops and Markets**, (Washington) was the second largest on record.

A.F.A. NOTES

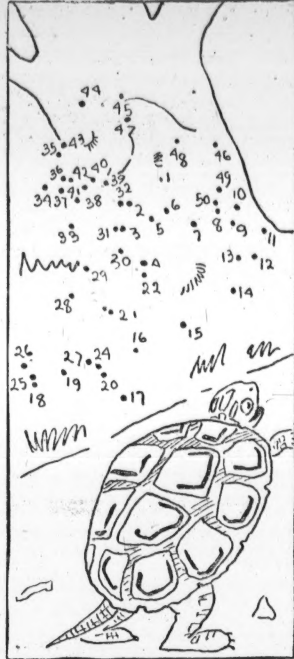
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sioners: On March 30th the Federation secretary appeared before the Board of Transport Commissioners sitting in Edmonton.

One purpose of this hearing was to receive submissions regarding the equalized scale that the Board has prepared. The Federation agrees with the general principle of the method used to equalize the rate scales, but took the stand that the present proposal does not allow sufficient taper of rates on the longer hauls.

The brief also pointed out the importance of maintaining rates in relation to the general farm economy. If freight rates continue to rise in the

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face of lower returns for farm commodities, the impact on agriculture will be felt throughout the general economy of Canada.

Farm Radio Forum: March 23rd marked the close of the 1952-53 Farm Radio Forum season. Many reports show that rallies and special meetings were held throughout the province.

The writer visited the Farm Forum Rally held at the home of Gordon Johnson, west of Penhold. Some 60 members were in attendance, representing the Fireside group at Lacombe, Joffre Circle, and the Olds School of Agriculture. The Pine Ridge group were hosts for the evening. A very pleasant time, including a discussion period, recreation, and lunch, was enjoyed by all.

Marketing Legislation: The A.F.A. Board of Directors, in carrying out annual meeting instructions, have made further representation to the Provincial Government requesting marketing legislation.

At the request of the Federation, the Government arranged time on March 23rd and 24th for our submission to be heard by the Agricultural Committee of the Legislature. The executive members of the Federation — Mr. Marler, Mr. Pharis and Mr. Kapler, appeared before the committee on behalf of the Board of Directors.

The members showed considerable interest, and as a result, discussions were not completed during the sittings arranged. Premier Manning, recognizing the importance of having a complete understanding of our request for marketing legislation, offered to set aside the regular session of the Legislature on Friday, March 27th, to complete the discussions. As these notes are being prepared, we cannot report any final outcome of our representation to the Legislative Committee. It is, however, most encouraging to know that our request is being thoroughly and carefully discussed.

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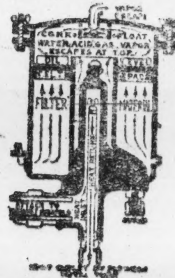
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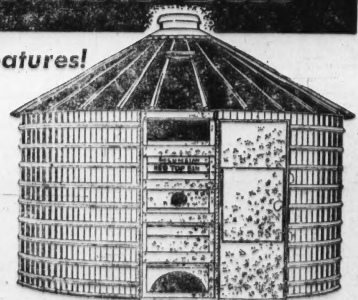
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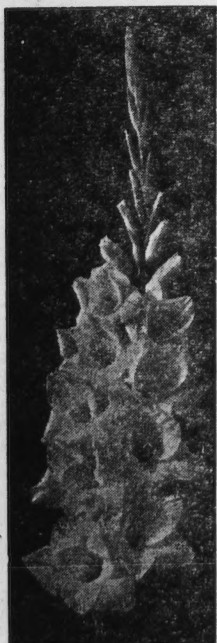
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By SYDNEY MAY

Hello Folks!

While we are getting ready to enjoy the crocuses, the daffodils and the gentle breezes, the Bad Egg of Crow's Nest postcards, to tell us that the spring is the right time to start cutting next winter's firewood.

In a magazine article a professor of psychology at the University of Edinburgh says: "If you want to make a tough hill climb easy, just think of that cold bottle of beer you will have when you get to the top." We can make a better suggestion — Thumb a ride.

"OH WHAT A GAL WAS SALLY!"

News item reports that when a Texas girl, Sally Gray, advertised in a big New York daily for a boy friend, she needed two trucks to take home her replies.

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Even though Sally was so sadly behind the times, she was still the kind of a girl that men DO NOT forget.

Wally, Our Incurable Bach, says she was a new world's wonder.

We see by the papers that Manning and ministers are to give themselves a big pay boost. As Government revenues are increasing so rapidly, they probably feel this is OIL right.

ISN'T IT THE TRUTH

Chuck of Chuckawalla says that behind simple questions there are sometimes profound answers. She says the question: "What is a rose?" in-

variably brings the answer "a flower;" but "Isn't 'flower' just another name for rose," she continues.

Speaking of flowers, Fern of Fernie says, paradoxical as it sounds, a paper rose is like a real rose, but a real rose is not like a paper rose.

"Only the young grow old" — headline over a London letter by Beverley Baxter in a recent issue of MacLean's. Although we do not always agree with Mr. Baxter, we are quite prepared to believe this.

"Advice," says Nan of Nanton, "is harmless — unless taken."

Nan of Nanton tells us that her new boy friend is quite handsome but as sour as a lemon at times. Try squeezing him once in a while, Nan.

I WALKED A MILE

The following poem is reprinted by request of T. L. M., Nanaimo:

I walked a mile with pleasure,
She chattered all the way;
But left me none the wiser,
For all she had to say.

I walked a mile with sorrow,
But ne'er a word said she,
But oh the things I learned that day
When sorrow walked with me.
—S.M.

According to J. F. of Bashaw, the difference between a good nickel cigar in 1939 and a good nickel cigar today is a mere ten cents.

FROM A RED DEER READER

Postcard says he doesn't like the use of the word LOAN for LEND. Says it sounds even comic at times for instances: "Distance LOANS Enchantment to the view," and "Friends, Romans, Countrymen, LOAN me your ears."

News item states that a swarm of bees cleared players from Boriskane, Co., Tipperary, hurling field. We presume they just buzzed off.

Wally, our incurable bach., says that when women buy from LIVE-WIRE salesmen, it's the husbands who usually get the shock.

Then there's the gal who was so dumb she thought a daffodil was some kind of pickle. Of course, she was just a daffy-Jill.

POLYNESIAN THOUGHT

O the beautiful Hawaii,
And the magic Isle of Ball,
Where the girls don't wear any blouses,
And much less inside their houses.
—V. B.

Too often, says Volodimir Barabash, a sarcastic remark is a verbal hit below the belt.

Ancient recipe for happiness: "Old books, old wine, and old friends." We'd like to try this one ourselves, but we can't afford the wine.

Mary of Carbon says: "If you never saw any of those strange and wonderful things, such as hoop snakes, quill - throwing porcupines, pink elephants and purple cows, don't worry too much about it, because nobody else has either."

Nevertheless, Mary, strange wonders happen around us all the time. We're thinking of that fifty-cent piece: we

Nearly \$1.5 Billions of Company's Business in Group Life Insurance

MONTREAL, Que.— Of the total business in force by the Sun Life Assurance Company of Canada, over \$5 billions, group insurance amounts to nearly 1.5 billions. George W. Bourke, President, reported to the recent annual meeting of the company. Of the total, 44 per cent is in Canada, 36 per cent in the United States, 11 per cent in Great Britain, and 9 per cent is in other parts of the world. Sun Life, Mr. Bourke stated, held the record among all Canadian companies for new business sold during 1952—\$545 millions. Total assets of the company now stand at \$1,742 millions.

Payments Deductible

SYDNEY MINES, N.S. — Payments made into a death benefits scheme by British-Canadian Co-operative Society here, from its patronage refunds, are deductible from the Co-op's taxable income. Ruling to this effect was made recently by the Department of National Revenue.

dropped it and it rolled and rolled; the harder we chased it the harder it rolled until it rolled itself straight down a sewer. Then there was the fifty yards of black cotton we tried to untangle. We got mad at it; challenged it to tie a knot for each one we untied. It went us one better and tied five.

WELL FOLKS, YOU CAN HAVE THE LAST WORD THIS TIME!

We are glad to report that Mr. May, though still weak, is making progress, and Mr. Barabash is cheerfully reconciled to spending some time in hospital, as the fracture mends. — Editor.

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Alberta Provincial Regional Winners — "Southern Region": 1, W. J. Keith, Sylvan Lake; 2, R. A. Chiswell (Arcan Farms), Lacombe; 3, L. R. Reynolds, Clive; 4, A. P. Robinson, R.R. 1, Red Deer; 5, W. V. Johnson, R.R. 1, Red Deer; 6, F. F. Johnson, R.R. 1, Red Deer; 7, F. Radford, Bowden.

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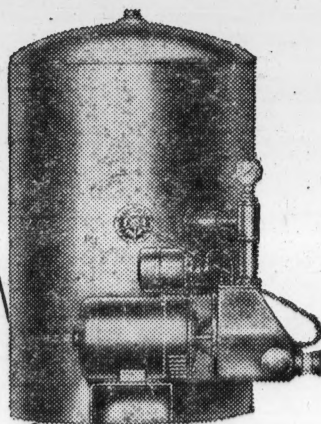
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